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SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

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Southern Command personnel handled 956 crashes in September 2009. Of these, 696 were property damage, 255 were injury, and 5 were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 8.1 % compared to last year. When compared to last year, fatalities remained the same at 5. 43 of these crashes involved commercial vehicles 6 resulted in injuries. The remaining 35 were property damage. Crashes involving commercial vehicles represented 4.5% of the total crashes handled by the Southern Command. Impaired drivers were responsible for 4.2% of all crashes in the Southern Command.

The Southern Command is driven to provide this community with a professional and effective law enforcement presence. The Southern Command extends a thank you to all those who assisted us in gaining success in our law enforcement services this past month.

CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	Oct -09		Oct-08	% Change		Sep-09	% Change
Total crashes	1046		1086	-4.7%		956	9.4%
Property crashes [including commercial vehicles]	746		841	-12.3%		696	7.2%
Injury crashes [including commercial vehicles]	299		235	27.2%		255	17.2%
Fatal crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1		10	-90.0%		5	-20%
DUI crashes [DUI charged]	46		42	9.5%		40	15.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1		12	-91.7%		6	-83.4%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		2	-100.0%		0	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		4	-100.0%		2	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	0		4	-100.0%		2	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	16		53	-69.9%		43	-62.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	12		35	-65.8%		35	-65.8%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		18	-83.4%		6	-50.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	1		0	100.0%		2	-50.0%

CRASH ANALYSIS

- ✱ Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes .09%
- ✱ Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 4.3%
- ✱ Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100%
- ✱ Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 1.5%
- ✱ Total crashes down 4.7% compared to last year.
- ✱ Commercial vehicle crashes are down 69.9% from last year.
- ✱ Fatality crashes decreased 90% from the same time as last year.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

TRAFFIC OPERATIONS	Oct-09		Oct-08	% Change		Sep-09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	46		42	9.5%		40	15.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	162		172	-5.9%		148	9.4%
Other arrests	698		811	-14.0%		774	-9.9%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	365		335	8.9%		336	8.6%
Speed violations	3401		4313	-21.2%		3443	-1.3%
Hazardous moving violations	1946		2149	-9.5%		2049	-5.1%
Occupant restraint violations * ##	472		469	0.6%		496	-4.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	12022		11302	6.3%		13669	-12.1%
COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	114		105	8.6%		229	-50.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	261		255	2.4%		262	-0.4%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	681		820	-17.0%		751	-9.3%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	0		10	-1000.0%		9	-900.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	351		254	38.2%		586	-40.1%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1646		1145	43.8%		2587	-36.4%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	92		66	39.4%		172	-46.5%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	55		44	25.0%		108	-49.1%
Total school buses inspected	511		341	49.9%		402	27.1%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	84		35	140.0%		52	61.5%
Total trucks weighed	272		149	82.6%		992	-72.6%
Total overweight citations	10		22	-54.5%		24	-58.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	506		613	-17.5%		496	2.0%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%

*Seatbelt and Child Restraint ## Commercial Operations Activity Included

COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]	Urban Ops		Rural Ops		Task Force
Level 2/3 Inspections	0		23		NR
Safety Violations Citation	0		9		NR
Safety Violations Repair Order	0		33		NR
Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	0		2		NR
Dyed Fuel Inspections	0		10		NR
Dyed Fuel Citations	0		0		NR

DUI / IMPAIRMENT ANALYSIS

- ✱ Average BAC .146 %
- ✱ Average age of DUI arrests: 32.3 years old.
- ✱ None of the DUI drivers arrested tested positive for controlled substance.
- ✱ 9 drivers arrested had prior DUI convictions.

ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Oct 2009		Oct 2008	% Change		Sep 2009	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions from Console	386,830		425,185	-9.0%		351,254	-1.2%
Radio Tx and Receive totals	System dwn		1,792,753			System dwn	N/A
CAD Incidents	25,219		23,661	6.6%		25,108	-4.1%
Telephone Calls	33,361		34,512	-3.3%		32,834	-1.6%
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]	12		50	-76.0%		27	8.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	1,124		1,002	12.2%		1,027	-15.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	418		320	30.6%		354	-26.6%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	14		30	-53.3%		17	-22.7%
Vehicle Impound Releases	105		109	-3.7%		81	-26.4%
Visitors at Counter	792		917	-13.6%		857	-14.6%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	2,694		5,457	-50.6%		2,447	-60.1%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	691		845	-18.2%		1,052	62.8%
Warrants Entered	679		290	134.1%		545	44.9%
Warrants Cleared	433		581	-25.5%		498	9.5%
Warrants Validated	2,195		13	16784.6%		2,057	5042.5%
Extradition / Transports	8		16	-50.0%		27	107.7%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	63		55	14.5%		83	0.0%
New Items Submitted	127		118	7.6%		224	9.2%
Items Disposed	10		35	-71.4%		28	29.2%

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EVIDENCE

- ✱ Nevada Highway Patrol responsible for 85.71% of case submissions.
- ✱ Parole and Probation responsible for 7.94% of case submissions.
- ✱ Division of Investigation responsible for 4.76% of case submissions.
- ✱ State Fire Marshal was responsible for 0 % of case submissions.
- ✱ OPR is responsible for 1.59% of case submissions.

CONTRACT SERVICES

- 13 Contracts using 1097 hours, billed in the amount of \$86,776.61

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
244	3	29	0	0

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
242	156	12	0	0	0

PIO Projects:

1. Fallen Officers Memorial.
2. Driver's Edge Program.
3. Special Olympics.
4. Nellis Air Force Base FTAC.
5. Stop DUI.
6. Old Navy Safety Fair.
7. Clark County School District Drivers Education

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Flight operations summary

The Southern Command Aircraft flew 12 missions accounting for 28.3 total flight hours. Refer below for a brief description of activity.

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
5	14.2	51	Speed Enforcement
4	12.7	45	Instate Prisoner Transport
1	.7	2	Line Patrol
1	.4	1	Lo-Jack Hit
1	.3	1	Night Currency Training

During an OPS 2 (maintenance check) last month, three discrepancies were found. Those items were addressed by Lone Mountain on October 19.

The aircraft was utilized for four instate prisoner transports.

The aircraft conducted line patrol over I 15 from Las Vegas to Overton. On the return flight the aircraft's Lo-Jack detector was activated. Due to congested airspace over Las Vegas, Metro's helicopter unit was informed and took over the search for the stolen vehicle.

A total of 6 enforcement missions were scheduled for the month. 5 were flown. The canceled mission was for lack of manpower due to Furloughs and training. On October 1 the aircraft concluded its "Badge on Board" operations. Over a three day event the aircraft's role focused on identifying and ticketing aggressive driver's operating around commercial motor vehicles. 86 vehicles non commercial vehicles were stopped for excessive speed. Our top speed was 101 mph, a grey Nissan Scion near I-15 Primm area. One driver, stopped for 97mph was arrested for DUI/Drug charges. Their vehicle was impounded. 9 drivers received additional citations; they were cited for no current proof of insurance, change of address and registration violations. 2 drivers yielded to the left side of the roadway instead of the right upon being stopped.

Refer to the table below for a breakdown of the 151 enforcement actions taken during our enforcement missions.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	128
Hazardous	3
Non-Hazardous	19
Seatbelts	1

In addition, 3 motorists were assisted with use of the aircraft.